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SUBJ: OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION DATA

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- 1. FOLLOWING IS INTERIM DATA ON OPIUM/HEROIN POPPY PRODUCTION JUST OBTAINED FROM GOI NARCOTICS CONTROL ADMINISTRATION. IRANIANS ARE GATHERING ADDITIONAL INFO AND HAVE INDICATED SOME ADDITIONAL DATA WILL PROBABLY BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY; EMBASSY WILL FORWARD WHEN AVAILABLE.
- 2. PRIORITY A: 15,000 HECTARES OX LAND IN NINE IRANIAN PROVINCES IS UNDER LICENSED POPPY CULTIVATION. PLANTING OCCURS IN OCTOBER/NOVEMBER, WITH HARVESTING IN LATE APTIL/MAY/LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EARLY JUNE. THERE IS ONE CROP PER YEAR, WITH AN AVERAGE YIELD OF 20 KILOGRAMS PER HECTARE. BY FURTHER REDUCTION OF WATER CONTENT, IT RESULTS IN APPROX. 12.5 KGS. OF OPIUM PER HECTARE. MORPHINE ALKALOID PERCENTAGE VARIES BETWEEN 8 PERCENT AND 16 PERCENT DEPENDING ON GROWING REGION.

3. PRIORITY B: DETAILS NOT YET AVAILABLE ON RECENT

HEROIN LAB SEIZURES, BUT HEROIN BASE VARIES BETWEEN 45 AND 60 PERCENT WITH VARIOUS ADULTERANTS BEING USED.

4. PRIORITY C: IRANIAN POPPY CROP IS RAIN CROP HARVESTED BY LANCING/SLASHING METHOD. SEASONALITY AS NOTED IN PARA TWO ABOVE.
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